

July 15, 2009

District 75-A Watermaster
Stan Haddock
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RE: Non Irrigation Season Proposed Budget for 2010 for Water District #75-A

It has come to our attention that Arrowhead has been being charged a disproportionate share of the costs attributed to the Winter Watermaster. Arrowhead requests that when you prepare the Proposed District Budget for 2010 you adjust charges as required by Idaho Code.

We believe the applicable Idaho Statutes that define the process for applying charges are contained in Idaho Statutes Title 42, Chapter 6 Section 42-612

(3). This Section states; "For the purpose of computing the respective amounts, to be paid by each water user, the water delivered to the various ditches, canal companies, irrigation districts or other users during the past season or seasons, not exceeding five (5) seasons, shall be used as a basis."

Arrowheads Winter Time use is less than 30,000 gallons/day of water while the City of Salmon's use is approximately 1,000,000 gallons per day or a ratio of at least 30 to 1. Arrowhead is currently being charged 30% of the Winter Season Watermaster charges. Arrowhead and the City are the only Winter Season water users.

Title 42, Chapter 6, Section (4) states "Upon the adoption of the budget the amount payable by each ditch, canal company, irrigation district or other water user, as shown by the budget, shall become the debt of each respectively and shall become due and payable as hereinafter provided. Other provisions of chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code, notwithstanding, water users may at the annual meeting by resolution provide for an annual minimum charge not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per water user for watermaster services."

As per Section (4) Arrowhead recommends that Arrowheads portion of the Winter Time charges be changed from \$150 to \$50 in your Proposed Budget

for 2010. 75-A Water Users at the Annual Meeting will then review the new budget in the Spring of 2010.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Bob Kramer
President, Arrowhead Water District

cc: Dennis Dunn